

**ILLITERACY RATE IN BRAZIL  
1970, 1980, 1991 and 1997**

Category	Total	Illiteracy Rate (%) by Age Groups					
		15 or older	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 or older
<b>1970 *</b>							
<b>Total population</b>	<b>53,824,626</b>	<b>10,253,283</b>	<b>8,285,805</b>	<b>6,504,069</b>	<b>10,754,252</b>	<b>8,082,277</b>	<b>9,944,940</b>
Illiterates	18,099,790	2,487,024	2,199,723	1,947,390	3,535,676	3,114,411	4,815,566
rate (%)	33.6	24.3	26.5	29.9	32.9	38.5	48.4
<b>Men</b>	<b>26,534,433</b>	<b>4,995,432</b>	<b>4,037,135</b>	<b>3,173,285</b>	<b>5,302,780</b>	<b>4,083,291</b>	<b>4,942,510</b>
Illiterates	8,088,515	1,283,743	1,029,884	871,493	1,522,026	1,352,612	2,028,757
rate (%)	30.5	25.7	25.5	27.5	28.7	33.1	41.0
<b>Women</b>	<b>27,290,193</b>	<b>5,257,851</b>	<b>4,248,670</b>	<b>3,330,784</b>	<b>5,451,472</b>	<b>3,998,986</b>	<b>5,002,430</b>
Illiterates	10,011,275	1,203,281	1,169,839	1,075,897	2,013,650	1,761,799	2,786,809
rate (%)	36.7	22.9	27.5	32.3	36.9	44.1	55.7
<b>Urban</b>	<b>28,750,791</b>	<b>5,761,855</b>	<b>4,840,519</b>	<b>3,820,060</b>	<b>3,409,768</b>	<b>4,893,328</b>	<b>6,025,261</b>
Illiterates	6,363,482	603,403	622,536	603,102	1,234,922	1,186,047	2,113,470
rate (%)	22.1	10.5	12.9	15.8	36.2	24.2	35.1
<b>Rural</b>	<b>21,114,128</b>	<b>4,491,428</b>	<b>3,445,286</b>	<b>2,684,009</b>	<b>3,384,777</b>	<b>3,188,949</b>	<b>3,919,679</b>
Illiterates	11,736,308	1,883,621	1,577,185	1,344,288	2,300,754	1,928,364	2,702,096
rate (%)	55.6	41.9	45.8	50.1	68.0	60.5	68.9
<b>1980 *</b>							
<b>Total population</b>	<b>73,413,902</b>	<b>13,575,971</b>	<b>11,513,220</b>	<b>9,442,217</b>	<b>14,039,109</b>	<b>10,377,274</b>	<b>14,466,111</b>
Illiterates	18,648,986	2,235,370	1,799,071	1,699,039	3,369,034	3,193,063	6,353,409
rate (%)	25.4	16.5	15.6	18.0	24.0	30.8	43.9
<b>Men</b>	<b>36,112,824</b>	<b>6,705,955</b>	<b>5,673,908</b>	<b>4,641,370</b>	<b>6,926,975</b>	<b>5,154,845</b>	<b>7,009,771</b>
Illiterates	8,527,160	1,258,297	900,410	794,912	1,514,160	1,387,006	2,672,375
rate (%)	23.6	18.8	15.9	17.1	21.9	26.9	38.1
<b>Women</b>	<b>37,301,078</b>	<b>6,870,016</b>	<b>5,839,312</b>	<b>4,800,847</b>	<b>7,112,134</b>	<b>5,222,429</b>	<b>7,456,340</b>
Illiterates	10,121,826	977,073	898,661	904,127	1,854,874	1,806,057	3,681,034
rate (%)	27.1	14.2	15.4	18.8	26.1	34.6	49.4
<b>Urban</b>	<b>51,910,472</b>	<b>9,229,764</b>	<b>8,285,233</b>	<b>6,885,295</b>	<b>10,044,130</b>	<b>7,319,182</b>	<b>10,146,868</b>
Illiterates	8,715,740	779,196	710,745	714,876	1,508,391	1,540,199	3,462,333
rate (%)	16.8	8.4	8.6	10.4	15.0	21.0	34.1
<b>Rural</b>	<b>21,503,430</b>	<b>4,346,207</b>	<b>3,227,987</b>	<b>2,556,922</b>	<b>3,994,979</b>	<b>3,058,092</b>	<b>4,319,243</b>
Illiterates	9,933,246	1,456,174	1,088,326	984,163	1,860,643	1,652,864	2,891,076
rate (%)	46.2	33.5	33.7	38.5	46.6	54.0	66.9

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<b>1991 *</b>							
<b>Total population</b>	<b>95,837,043</b>	<b>15,017,472</b>	<b>13,564,878</b>	<b>12,638,078</b>	<b>20,527,256</b>	<b>13,959,402</b>	<b>20,129,957</b>
Illiterates	19,233,239	1,810,236	1,652,047	1,604,599	3,148,034	3,318,124	7,700,198
rate (%)	20.1	12.1	12.2	12.7	15.3	23.8	38.3
<b>Men</b>	<b>46,683,696</b>	<b>7,460,490</b>	<b>6,712,435</b>	<b>6,174,959</b>	<b>10,004,609</b>	<b>6,855,703</b>	<b>9,475,500</b>
Illiterates	9,266,587	1,127,382	935,263	862,936	1,539,409	1,529,693	3,271,904
rate (%)	19.8	15.1	13.9	14.0	15.4	22.3	34.5
<b>Women</b>	<b>49,153,347</b>	<b>7,556,982</b>	<b>6,852,443</b>	<b>6,463,119</b>	<b>10,522,647</b>	<b>7,103,699</b>	<b>10,654,457</b>
Illiterates	9,966,652	682,854	716,784	741,663	1,608,626	1,788,431	4,428,294
rate (%)	20.3	9.0	10.5	11.5	15.3	25.2	41.6
<b>Urban</b>	<b>74,443,693</b>	<b>11,157,641</b>	<b>10,485,477</b>	<b>9,990,122</b>	<b>16,419,810</b>	<b>10,928,957</b>	<b>15,461,686</b>
Illiterates	10,561,449	756,558	766,266	790,385	1,652,680	1,834,884	4,760,676
rate (%)	14.2	6.8	7.3	7.9	10.1	16.8	30.8
<b>Rural</b>	<b>21,393,350</b>	<b>3,859,831</b>	<b>3,079,401</b>	<b>2,647,956</b>	<b>4,107,446</b>	<b>3,030,445</b>	<b>4,668,271</b>
Illiterates	8,671,790	1,053,678	885,781	814,214	1,495,355	1,483,240	2,939,522
rate (%)	40.5	27.3	28.8	30.7	36.4	48.9	63.0
<b>1997 *</b>							
<b>Total population</b>	<b>108,025,650</b>	<b>16,580,383</b>	<b>13,454,058</b>	<b>12,303,375</b>	<b>23,245,389</b>	<b>17,601,643</b>	<b>24,840,802</b>
Illiterates	15,883,372	941,773	960,560	1,058,705	2,382,562	2,683,390	7,856,382
rate (%)	14.7	5.7	7.1	8.6	10.2	15.2	31.6
<b>Men</b>	<b>52,043,984</b>	<b>8,312,899</b>	<b>6,667,807</b>	<b>5,955,295</b>	<b>11,197,194</b>	<b>8,421,656</b>	<b>11,489,133</b>
Illiterates	7,608,924	637,555	599,186	623,931	1,255,761	1,227,800	3,264,691
rate (%)	14.6	7.7	9.0	10.5	11.2	14.6	28.4
<b>Women</b>	<b>55,981,666</b>	<b>8,267,484</b>	<b>6,786,251</b>	<b>6,348,080</b>	<b>12,048,195</b>	<b>9,179,987</b>	<b>13,351,669</b>
Illiterates	8,274,448	304,218	361,374	434,774	1,126,801	1,455,590	4,591,691
rate (%)	14.8	3.7	5.3	6.8	9.4	15.9	34.4
<b>Urban</b>	<b>87,675,076</b>	<b>13,159,144</b>	<b>10,953,391</b>	<b>10,083,779</b>	<b>19,214,275</b>	<b>14,537,968</b>	<b>19,726,519</b>
Illiterates	9,365,517	442,562	490,730	542,744	1,318,435	1,564,595	5,006,451
rate (%)	10.7	3.4	4.5	5.4	6.9	10.8	25.4
<b>Rural</b>	<b>20,350,574</b>	<b>3,421,239</b>	<b>2,500,667</b>	<b>2,219,596</b>	<b>4,031,114</b>	<b>3,063,675</b>	<b>5,114,283</b>
Illiterates	6,517,855	499,211	469,830	515,961	1,064,127	1,118,795	2,849,931
rate (%)	32.0	14.6	18.8	23.2	26.4	36.5	55.7

Source: The Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) /PNAD

\* Does not include the rural population of the States of Rondônia, Acre, Amazonas, Roraima, Pará and Amapá.